State	Target	Actual
Bihar	4200	3403
Orissa	2000	3157
West Bengal	15075	16033
Assam	1040	903
Tripura	330	251
TOTAL	220817	215511

Policy on Hydro-Energy Development

4812. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 1998-99, Central Government announced a policy on Hydro-Energy development with a view to exploit its vast potential in the country; and

(b) if so, what has been the progress in the development of Hydro-Power since the announcement of this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) With a view to develop the untapped hydroelectric potential in the contry, Government announced a policy on Hydro Power Development in August 1998 which addresses to the various issues that have led to the decline of the share of hydro power and remedial measures required to accelerate it.

Government have taken various steps on the measures envisaged in the Policy. In order to encourage greater private investment, tariff for hydel projects has been rationalize procedures for transfer of techno-economic clearance have been simplified, a mechanism to cover geological risks has been evolved and State Governments have been made responsible for land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement. Small hydel projects upto 25 MW capacity have been transferred to the Ministry of Non Conventional Energy Sources. A massive thrust is proposed to be given for hydro development by starting work on preparing Detailed Project Reports in respect of hydro projects involving capacity of about 25,000 MW in the next 5 years.

Techno-Economic Clearance for Private Sectors Power Projects

4813. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state: